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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

EDWARD DARRELL KOPLIN, SR

Defendant.

NO. CR02-209R

GOVERNMENT'S SENTENCING  
MEMORANDUM AND MOTION  
FOR AN UPWARD DEPARTURE

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Comes now the United States of America, by John McKay, United States Attorney, and Ilene J.K. Miller and Bruce F. Miyake, Assistant United States Attorneys for the Western District of Washington, and files this sentencing memorandum recommending an upward departure.

**II. BACKGROUND**

On June 6, 2002, the Kent Police were dispatched to do a welfare check on an eleven (11) year old girl traveling with a 68 year old man at the Marriott Hotel in Kent. The officers contacted the defendant, EDWARD DARRELL KOPLIN, at his motel room. The defendant answered the door wearing only his underwear. After being removed from the room, the officers found A.B., an eleven year old girl, in the room too. During a subsequent search, the officers found numerous sexual items in the motel room including, approximately 11 vibrators, three adult pornographic movies, and sex related books entitled: Horse Happy School Girl, Sex Before

1 12, and Animal 4 Bizarre (which had sexually explicit photographs with animals). The officers  
2 also found several packets of viagra, several of which were empty. The officers also found one  
3 hundred and eighty-seven pages of handwritten notes written from the defendant to the victim .  
4 These notes were extremely sexually graphic in nature (See Attachment A)

5 After being arrested, the defendant was interviewed by Kent Police Detectives Susan  
6 Hemmen and Russell Walker. The defendant admitted to them that he and A.B had traveled  
7 from Salt Lake City, Utah to the Seattle, Washington area. He further admitted that while in  
8 Kent, Washington he had penetrated A.B.'s anus with his finger and performed oral sex on her  
9 The defendant claimed that any sexual conduct was done to "educate" her.

10 The subsequent investigation has revealed that the defendant has a long history of  
11 sexually abusing little girls. The defendant's younger sister, Tami Welliver (now 63 years old),  
12 came forward and revealed that when she was approximately five (5) to six (6) years old, the  
13 defendant began forcing her to perform oral sex on him. The defendant was eleven-years-old  
14 when he began abusing Tami. The defendant's own daughter, Cheryl Espinosa, also came  
15 forward and disclosed that between the ages of six (6) through sixteen (16) the defendant  
16 sexually abused her by forcing her to have sexual intercourse with him.

17 Following the news reports of the defendant's arrest, Nancy White, contacted the  
18 Snohomish County Sheriff's Department and informed them that her 22 year old  
19 developmentally delayed daughter, A.W., was victimized by the defendant. The investigation  
20 revealed that at some time in the year 2000, the defendant lived in their neighborhood in Port  
21 Susan, Washington. A.W. told investigators that when she visited the defendant at his trailer, he  
22 would have her watch adult pornographic movies. A.W. also disclosed that he used sex toys on  
23 her including wearing a black pair of shorts with a rubber penis attachment so he could have  
24 sexual intercourse with her.<sup>1</sup>

25 Also during the subsequent investigation law enforcement learned of at least four (4)  
26 other little girls in Salt Lake City to whom the defendant had made sexual overtures towards.

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28 <sup>1</sup> During a search of the defendant's trailer in Utah, the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Department  
found the black shorts with the attached dildo

### III. GUIDELINE CALCULATIONS

#### A. Vulnerable victim.

U.S.S.G. §3A1.1(b)(1) dictates a two (2) level enhancement where “the defendant knew or should have known that the victim of the offense was unusually vulnerable due to age, physical or mental condition, or *that a victim was otherwise particularly susceptible to the criminal conduct...*” (emphasis added). Generally, this adjustment would not apply where the factor which make the victim vulnerable is incorporated into the calculation of the offense guideline, eg... age. However, where there exists factors beyond the victim’s age, physical or mental condition, a departure may be appropriate. Under some circumstances a victim’s financial circumstances can justify a departure under Section 3A1.1. United States v. Peters, 962 F.2d 1410, 1417-18 (9th Cir. 1992) (vulnerable victim enhancement proper where defendant targeted victims with poor credit history in his mail fraud scheme); United States v. Borst, 62 F.3d 43, 46-47 (2nd Cir. 1995) (vulnerable victim enhancement appropriate where success of defendant’s fraudulent scheme depended on the financial desperation of victims); compare, United States v. Castadenada, 239 F.3d 978, 983 (9th Cir. 2001) (vulnerable victim enhancement improper under the Mann Act based upon economic vulnerability of victims since such economic vulnerability typically associated with victims of the Mann Act).

The sentencing court must consider the characteristics of the victim, the victim’s reaction to the criminal conduct, and the circumstances surrounding the criminal act. United States v. Peters, 962 F.2d at 1417. It is not necessary that the defendant target the victim because of the vulnerability, rather it is enough that the defendant knew or should have known the victim was vulnerable. United States v. O’Brien, 50 F.3d 571, 755 (9th Cir. 1995).

In this case, AB was particularly vulnerable due to her socio-economic status. The victim comes from a very poor family with unsophisticated and uneducated parents. Her family resides in the basement of her grandparents. The defendant observed this situation and preyed upon the victim and her family by luring them with gifts, food and a promise of a better life.

When the defendant first met A B ’s mother, Shawna, he bragged to her about his wealth and education. He then asked if A.B. could help him sort jewelry. Shortly after meeting A.B.,

1 knowing that she was a poor and an unpopular little girl, he began to shower her with gifts. The  
2 defendant gave A.B. things that her family could never provide. He bought her a dog, a bicycle,  
3 two karaoke machines (one for his house and one for her house), clothes, and eventually bought  
4 her two (2) horses. Because of these gifts A B. gained status and popularity among her friends  
5 in the neighborhood and at school.

6 The defendant used the gifts to exert control over A.B. and manipulate her into engaging  
7 in the sexual activity. For example, he used the horse to control her and the amount of time that  
8 she would have to spend with him. The defendant told her that it was her responsibility to take  
9 care of them. This, of course, required her to spend even more time with him to the point where  
10 she was with him four to five times a week. Each time she was with him, he expected sexual  
11 favors from her. If A B. rejected the defendant's sexual overtures he would threaten to take  
12 away the horses and other gifts as was evidenced by his written notes to A.B. (See  
13 Attachment A).

14 In addition to buying gifts for A.B., he bought gifts for the rest of her family. The  
15 defendant also led A.B.'s mother to believe that A.B. would inherit his estate when he passed  
16 away and that he had a college fund set up for her. He would also let A.B.'s mother drive his  
17 corvette and use the cellular telephone he had obtained for A.B. As a result, A.B.'s mother put  
18 pressure on A.B. to continue to help the defendant. Whenever A.B. protested, her mother would  
19 chastise her and force her to go with the defendant to his residence.

20 Through his gifts and promises of future gifts, the defendant exploited A.B. and her  
21 family's poverty. He used these gifts to manipulate A.B. into engaging in sexual activity with  
22 him. Likewise, the gifts also influenced A.B.'s mother to make A.B. available to the defendant  
23 whenever he wanted to see her and to allow him to take A.B. on a trip to Seattle, Washington.  
24 The defendant successfully isolated A.B. and was able to impose a great deal of psychological  
25 and emotional pressure on her by playing on her guilt, her desire to keep the gifts, and her desire  
26 to please her parents.

27 Under the totality of the circumstances, A.B.'s poverty and low socio-economic status  
28 made her unusually vulnerable to the defendant's overtures and a two (2) level upward departure

1 should be applied.

2 **B. Obstruction of Justice.**

3 Under U.S.S.G. §3C1.1, a two (2) level enhancement should be imposed where a  
4 defendant obstructed justice. Section 3C1.1 states in relevant part:

5 If (A) the defendant willfully obstructed or impeded, or attempted to obstruct or  
6 impede, the administration of justice during the course of the investigation,  
7 prosecution, or sentencing of the instant offense of conviction, and (B) the  
8 obstructive conduct related to (i) the defendant's offense of conviction and any  
9 relevant conduct; or (ii) a closely related offense, increase the offense level by 2  
10 levels.

11 The commentary to this section cites "directing or procuring another person to destroy or  
12 conceal evidence that is material to an official investigation" as an example of when this  
13 adjustment would apply. See U.S.S.G. §3C1.1, application note 4(d).

14 Here, the defendant after being arrested for child molestation by the Kent Police  
15 Department, called his son, Darrell Koplin, and instructed him to go to his trailer and get rid of a  
16 book which had naked pictures of the victim. He further instructed Darrell to burn all of the  
17 pornography in his house. Obviously, the defendant was aware that the photographs of A.B  
18 masturbating with one of the vibrators found in his motel room was extremely incriminating and  
19 he wanted to get rid of it. This willful conduct was calculated to destroy material evidence that  
20 the defendant knew was relevant to the investigation.

21 In addition to the above, the defendant attempted to have his son Darrell suborn perjury  
22 and have other family members hide his assets. The defendant also committed other acts after  
23 being arrested which support and constitute acts of obstruction justifying an enhancement.  
24 U.S.S.G. Section 3C1.1, application note 4(b). Here, the defendant called his son, Darrell, and  
25 instructed him to tell anyone who asked that he (Darrell) was being paid \$6,200.00 per year to  
26 take care of the horses. The reason the defendant wanted Darrell to lie was so that none of his  
27 assets could be forfeited. The defendant called various members of his family, including his  
28 younger sister, Tami Welliver, from the Federal Detention Center shortly after he was taken into  
federal custody. The purpose of some of those phone calls was to tell his family to sell off all of  
his assets and hide them in offshore accounts so as to avoid forfeiture or seizure by the

1 government.

2 The defendant's action after being arrested by the Kent Police justify a two (2) level  
3 increase for obstruction of justice.

4 **C. Acceptance of Responsibility.**

5 When a defendant demonstrates acceptance of responsibility for his offense, he is  
6 generally entitled to a two (2) to three (3) level decrease. U.S.S.G. Section 3E1.1. In this case,  
7 the defendant is not entitled to acceptance of responsibility for two reasons: (1) the defendant  
8 has not demonstrated any remorse, and (2) due to his obstructive conduct.

9 Whether a defendant has accepted personal responsibility is a factual determination  
10 requiring an inquiry into the defendant's "genuine contrition." United States v. Thompson, 80  
11 F.3d 368, 370 (9th Cir. 1996); United States v. McKinney, 15 F.3d 849, 853 (9th Cir.1994). A  
12 fundamental rationale for acceptance of responsibility is that the defendant accept that what he  
13 did was wrong and express contrition for it.

14 Here, the defendant has never expressed any remorse for the sexual abuse and emotional  
15 and psychological trauma he inflicted upon A.B. Based upon statements that he made at the time  
16 of his arrest and statements in letters to his family members, it is clear the defendant does not  
17 believe he did anything wrong.

18 When questioned by the Kent Police detectives, the defendant claimed that he was simply  
19 educating A.B. about sex and blamed A.B. for initiating their sexual activity by claiming that she  
20 asked him about masturbation. Later in the interview, he stated that he was going to marry A.B.  
21 when she turns 18 years old. He stated: "It is my full intent to marry this girl when she turns  
22 18 ... This girl is my project. The good lord put her in front of me and I am going to take care of  
23 her and do the very best that I can by her ..." Also, during a conversation with his sister Tammy  
24 Welliver, shortly after his arrest, he claimed that his sexual activity with the victim was done  
25 lovingly. These statements reflect his attitude that there was nothing improper about teaching an  
26 eleven year old how to masturbate and assisting her in achieving a better climax through anal  
27 penetration with his finger.

28 In addition to failing to understand that his conduct was wrong, the defendant has also

1 attempted to minimize and sometimes outright deny any wrong doing. The defendant has  
2 consistently denied that he ever showed or encouraged A.B. how to use the vibrator. When  
3 interviewed by the Kent Police detectives, the defendant stated that A.B. had asked to use the  
4 vibrator. When Detective Walker asked him if he showed her how to use it, the defendant  
5 stated: "Not really, I mean .. I turned it on so she knew how to turn it on, you know ? But she,  
6 she knew to put it between her legs. I mean that's all there was to it.. " (See Attachment B).<sup>2</sup>

7 At the plea hearing on February 21, 2003, for the charges arising in Utah, CR03-436R,  
8 the defendant again denied that he ever enticed or encouraged A.B. to use the vibrator.  
9 Regarding the photographs of A.B. masturbating, he claimed that he just happened to see her  
10 using the vibrator and he took two (2) photographs of her. Under oath, the defendant stated:  
11 "Well, I agree with the fact that I did not provide her or entice her or any sort of that thing.... She  
12 had found this one particular vibrator in my home. She apparently liked it, she was learning how  
13 to do whatever, and I was very permissive ....". (See Attachment C).

14 Through these statements the defendant is again minimizing his role in the offense and  
15 blaming the victim for the sexual activity. The defendant has reiterated this view to his family  
16 members. In a letter written to his sister Tamí Welliver on January 26, 2003, he wrote: "Damn  
17 Tamí - Don't know what else to say - nothing was happening between A.B. and me - she found  
18 one of my massagers I was using for my reflexology - no sex no way!!" Similarly, in a letter to  
19 his son, Darrell Koplin, on February 3, 2003: " . . Never planned on [A.B.] getting into the  
20 massagers but she did, she fell in love with massagers, I allowed it. I always was easy that way -  
21 There was never any sex!!!"

22 Since his arrest, the defendant has written various family members and claimed that he  
23 did nothing wrong. In a letter to Darrell, the defendant writes. " . . Will only assure you I did  
24 "nothing" wrong, my sister called CPS because I crossed state line . ." In another letter to  
25 Darrell "Tell you when you get here, all my stuff is photographed/recorded etc They got me  
26 under a microscope my god - 'Nothing' happened here son. Had just bought some gifts for  
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28 <sup>2</sup> The defendant also claimed that A B. was very hyper and that the only way she would settle  
down "was to be on the vibrator." Again, attempting to shift blame to A B

1 Gloria - they thought they were for AB . . ."

2 The defendant has not accepted that what he did was wrong. He rationalizes, minimizes,  
3 and denies his role in sexualizing A.B.; he has not accepted his own responsibility for the wrong  
4 doing and is not entitled to a downward adjustment.

5 Also, a defendant who receives an adjustment for obstruction of justice under Section  
6 3C1.1 of the Sentencing Guidelines is generally not entitled to an adjustment for acceptance of  
7 responsibility. Only in the "extraordinary" case when a defendant is found to have obstructed  
8 justice is a defendant likewise entitled to acceptance of responsibility. U.S.S.G. Section 3E1.1,  
9 application note 4.

10 The facts of the instant case, do not constitute the "extraordinary" circumstances  
11 contemplated by the guidelines. The defendant's efforts to subvert the investigation into his  
12 actions by attempting to have his son destroy evidence is consistent with his attitude that he did  
13 nothing wrong. The defendant should not receive the benefit of acceptance of responsibility.

#### 14 **IV. UPWARD DEPARTURE**

15 Based upon the defendant's repeated and prolonged sexual abuse of the victim (A.B.) in  
16 this case, as well as a multitude of victims over the defendant's lifetime, the Government moves  
17 for an upward departure, pursuant to the United States Sentencing Guidelines, Sections 5K2.0  
18 and 4A1.3(e), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 3553(b), permitting the Court to  
19 sentence the defendant to more than the otherwise applicable Guideline range. Given the fact  
20 that the defendant has never been prosecuted for any similar adult criminal conduct, and he has a  
21 criminal history of I, his criminal history category is significantly under represented. Below is a  
22 brief summary of the defendant's history with several of the defendant's victims and the  
23 defendant's behavior towards these victims.

#### 24 **A. Victims**

##### 25 **(i) A.B. - The victim in this case.**

26 A.B.'s mother introduced her to the defendant at her place of employment, a  
27 laundromat. The defendant asked A.B.'s mother if A.B. could work for him by sorting jewelry at  
28 his house. A.B.'s mother agreed, and A.B. started sorting jewelry for him. By the third time she



1 went over to his house, the defendant started having sexual contact with her. The sexual contact  
2 continued for a period of close to one year and every day that she spent with the defendant, he  
3 would use vibrators on her. The defendant admitted to using a vibrator on her and "teaching"  
4 her how to masturbate with it. The defendant also admitted to inserting his finger in her anus on  
5 various occasions to help her "have what was simply called a good climax rapidly." During the  
6 course of the defendant's relationship with A.B., she would go over to his home several times a  
7 week. Oftentimes she would end up spending the night. Within several months, the defendant  
8 bought A.B. several horses.<sup>3</sup> The horses were yet another way for the defendant to ingratiate  
9 himself into A.B.'s life.<sup>4</sup>

10 The defendant would often try to get A.B. to bring a "friend" over to his house with her.  
11 In particular, the defendant tried to get J.D.'s mother to allow J.D. to come over and sort jewelry  
12 The defendant also asked J.D.'s mother if J.D. could go to Disneyland with him and A.B. J.D. is  
13 ten-years-old. The defendant also tried to get P.H., another one of A.B.'s friends to come over  
14 to his house. Since P.H. only lived two doors down from A.B., the defendant would call out to  
15 her when he was in A.B.'s driveway and ask P.H. to come over to his house to sort jewelry. The  
16 defendant continually asked A.B. what P.H.'s favorite things were, such as animals, cars and  
17 toys. Once A.B. found out, she would tell the defendant. The defendant would then purchase  
18 items that were P.H.'s favorite thing and give them to A.B. to give to P.H. The defendant was  
19 clearly trying to entice P.H. with gifts. The defendant even called P.H. on her twelfth birthday  
20 while A.B. was at his house. The defendant asked P.H. if she felt "sexy." Fortunately, none of  
21 A.B.'s friends' mothers would allow them to go over to the defendant's house.

22 **(ii) A.K. - April 2002.**

23 The defendant met A.K. at an autograph signing for Karl Malone. A.K. was with  
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25 <sup>3</sup>The horses were yet another way for the defendant to "teach" A.B. something about sex. He  
26 told her that he bought her a male horse so that she could "jack him off."

27 <sup>4</sup>The defendant continually reminded A.B. of all of the gifts he had given to her and how easy it  
28 would be for him to take everything away. The defendant would remind A.B. by writing notes to her  
and asking her multiple choice questions. During the search of the defendant's hotel room, over 187  
pages of notes were found. A sampling of these notes are attached as Attachment A and demonstrate the  
sheer manipulation and cruelty of the defendant towards A.B.

1 her mother,<sup>5</sup> and A.B. was with the defendant. The defendant introduced A.B. to A.K. and her  
2 mother as his granddaughter. The defendant asked A.K.'s mother if A.K. could join A.B. at his  
3 house to sort jewelry. A.K.'s mother agreed, and the defendant picked A.K. up at her house a  
4 few days later. A.B. was not there. While A.K. was at the defendant's house, he told her to  
5 change into shorts so that he could give her a "reflexology massage." A.K. changed into the  
6 shorts, and the defendant proceeded to rub her body with a vibrating massager. He rubbed over  
7 her breasts and buttocks area. After he was through massaging her, he drove her home. On the  
8 way home, he took her to a store and bought her a jacket. While in the defendant's car in the  
9 store parking lot, he asked A.K. if she had ever had sex before. When A.K. answered "No," the  
10 defendant said, "Good." The defendant then asked A.K. to kiss him. A.K. gave him a quick  
11 peck on the cheek. The defendant became angry and told her to kiss him on his mouth with her  
12 tongue and to act like she meant it.

13 **(iii) A.W. - 2000-2001.**

14 A.W. lives in Port Susan, Washington. The defendant used to own a mobile home  
15 near A.W.'s home. The defendant met A.W. and her mother and asked A.W.'s mother if A.W.  
16 could come over to clean his house. A.W.'s mother<sup>6</sup> agreed and allowed both A.W. and A.W.'s  
17 brother to go over to the defendant's house to clean and do yard work. Both A.W. and her  
18 brother are mentally delayed. A.W. was 22-years-old at the time, but she has the mental capacity  
19 of a seven-year-old. Shortly after beginning work at the defendant's house, the defendant started  
20 to show A.W. pornographic movies. After a few weeks, the defendant began having sexual  
21 intercourse with A.W. and using vibrators on her. While the defendant had sex with A.W., he  
22 would make her brother stay outside. A.W. told investigators that the defendant told her that she  
23 could not tell her mother about their "private times" together. Since the defendant is impotent,  
24 he would use shorts that had a penile implant to penetrate A.W. These shorts were identified in  
25 the search done in June 2002 by the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office.

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26 <sup>5</sup>Like A.B., A.K. was eleven-years-old and comes from a very poor family. A.K.'s mother is  
27 single, has three kids and lives in a trailer park.

28 <sup>6</sup>A.W.'s mother is also a single mother, poor and is raising two developmentally delayed  
children.

1           **(iv) Cheryl - The defendant's daughter.**

2           The defendant molested his own biological daughter from the time that she was six  
3 until she was sixteen. The very first time the defendant touched his daughter, he had full sexual  
4 intercourse with her. The defendant told his daughter repeatedly that if she did not do sexual  
5 acts with him that she was a "bad daughter" and a "bad person." He even told her that he and  
6 Cheryl's mother would not be able to remain married if she did not participate in sexual  
7 intercourse with him. Similar to what he would do with A.B., the defendant used gifts and toys  
8 to try to entice Cheryl. Also similar to the type of abuse that A.B. endured, the defendant used  
9 vibrators and sexual devices. During the course of the ten-year abuse by the hands of her father,  
10 the defendant would write notes and multiple choice questions to Cheryl on toilet paper. These  
11 notes were sexually graphic in nature and similar to the notes he wrote A.B. The defendant  
12 would also tell Cheryl that the Bible said that he had the right to have sex with her. The  
13 defendant even quoted Bible verses. Cheryl had no idea for many years that what her father was  
14 doing was wrong.

15           When the defendant was confronted by his family with the sexual abuse of his daughter,  
16 the defendant told his family that the sex was "loving and consensual." The defendant still not  
17 does believe that the abuse of his daughter was wrong. He continually writes to her from FDC  
18 Sea-Tac and sends her poems about how she made his life "whole."

19           **(v) Tami - The defendant's sister.**

20           The defendant began to abuse his sister sexually from the time that he was eleven-  
21 years-old and she was about six years of age. The defendant showed her "dirty pictures" and  
22 tried to get her to give him oral sex. Tami vividly remembers the defendant chasing her around  
23 the house with his pants down.

24           **B. ARGUMENT**

25           The Government is seeking an upward departure on the ground that the defendant's  
26 criminal history is understated based upon prior similar adult criminal conduct not resulting in  
27 criminal convictions. U.S.S.G. Section 4A1.3(e). Section 4A1.3 of the Sentencing Guidelines  
28 permits a court to increase a defendant's criminal history category where "reliable information

1 indicates that the criminal history category does not adequately reflect the seriousness of the  
2 defendant's past criminal conduct or the likelihood that the defendant will commit other crimes."  
3 U.S.S.G. Section 4A1.3. If one of the two prongs are present, a departure is warranted. United  
4 States v. Connelly, 156 F.3d 978, 984 (9th Cir. 1998) (departure justified solely on the likelihood  
5 of recidivism); United States v. George, 56 F.3d 1078, 1085 (9th Cir. 1995) (propensity to  
6 commit further crimes supports departure). In the present case, both prongs are present.  
7 Alternatively, the Government seeks an upward departure based upon the numerous victims.

8 As demonstrated above, the defendant's abuse of little girls has spanned for a period of  
9 fifty-seven years. Unfortunately, most of his abuse was never reported and none of it resulted in  
10 criminal convictions. However, the lack of a criminal conviction does not diminish the  
11 seriousness of his criminal past and certainly establishes the great likelihood of reoffense.

12 The defendant has spent the best years of his life out free and never having been charged  
13 with any of these crimes. The defendant began preying on little girls when he was 11-years-old  
14 when he sexually assaulted his own sister. He continued with his own daughter and then  
15 eventually moved on to non-family members. He spent his whole life preying upon the young  
16 and the disadvantaged, both mentally and socio-economically.<sup>7</sup> The defendant is the most  
17 despicable kind of predator, and nothing can or will stop him from preying upon little girls.

18 By his own admission, he has been impotent for several years. Also, according to the  
19 defendant, he has numerous health conditions. Yet, none of those health conditions stopped him  
20 from preying upon little girls. At the time he met A. B., he was on oxygen, had diabetes and  
21 claimed that he was impotent. Yet, none of those conditions slowed him down or deterred his  
22 predatory behavior. If anything, he used his health conditions to his advantage by claiming that  
23 he truly needed help around his house and with sorting jewelry. Many of the victims' mothers  
24 felt that he could not be a threat to their children because of those conditions. Clearly they were  
25 wrong.

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27 <sup>7</sup> The defendant became so confident in his predatory prowess that he even stopped taking the  
28 time to "groom" these little girls. This is shown by his sexual abuse of A. K. The very first time he was  
around her, he was french-kissing her and giving her massages with vibrators.

1       What further aggravates the likelihood the defendant will reoffend is his belief that he has  
2 done nothing wrong. This is evidenced by the numerous letters that he has written to his family  
3 over the course of his incarceration. Many of these letters were turned over to the case agent. In  
4 most of these letters, the defendant writes "I did 'nothing' wrong" . . . "Again, nothing happened  
5 here!" Perhaps the most disturbing letter the defendant has written was dated March 1, 2003.  
6 The letter was written to Gabrielle - his five-year-old granddaughter. In this letter, the defendant  
7 wrote, "My darling Gabrielle = Put your DAD over your knee and spank him - He doesn't write  
8 me enough. . . . I miss you and your sweet kisses on Grandpa's cheek & lips. . . . I love & I miss  
9 you very much. . . . Grandpa sent you an envelope & stamp - write me a letter -please! Put me a  
10 kiss on the letter, so I can kiss the spot!! Ok! Ok! Ok! Special one - Love you Write me soon."  
11 (See Attachment D). Given the nature of this letter, it is clear that the defendant continues even  
12 to this day to prey upon little girls.

13       Based upon the number of prior incidents of sexual abuse which did not result in a  
14 criminal conviction, the defendant's criminal history significantly understates both the  
15 seriousness of his past and the likelihood of reoffense. A criminal history category of VI most  
16 accurately reflects the defendant's criminal history.

17       Alternatively, this Court may upwardly depart based upon the numerous victims and the  
18 defendant's *pattern of targeting vulnerable victims based upon their socioeconomic status*.<sup>8</sup>

19       In United States v. Hersh, 297 F.3d 1233 (11th Circuit 2002) the Eleventh Circuit  
20 affirmed a 92 year (ten-level) upward departure where the offense level increases and victim  
21 vulnerability did not adequately reflect the seriousness of the defendant's twenty-year history of  
22 sexual abuse. See Id. at 1251-1253. In so affirming, the Eleventh Circuit noted that there were  
23 multiple victims that were extraordinarily vulnerable to such a degree that the circumstances  
24 were not adequately considered by the Sentencing Commission See Id. at 1252.

25       This case is similar to Hersh in that the defendant willfully lured and enticed particularly  
26 young vulnerable girls. In this case, the defendant used promises of a job "sorting jewelry" as a  
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28       <sup>8</sup> If this Court finds that the enhancement under 3A1.1 applies for vulnerable victim, it should  
not consider any of the facts as they relate to A B. but only as they relate to the uncharged victims

1 ploy to get the girls over to his house and then he continued to ply them and entice them with  
2 gifts and toys. In each instance, these little girls were extremely poor. The defendant was not  
3 only aware of that fact, but he used it to his advantage With A.B., he continually threatened to  
4 take away those toys and gifts if she did not comply with his demand for sexual favors. As an  
5 eleven-year-old girl faced with a threat from a sixty-eight-year-old man, what choice did A B.  
6 have? Especially given the fact that he told her never to tell anyone about what they did in their  
7 “private time.” She was too young to even know that what he was forcing her to do was wrong  
8 And she was too young to know that she could have told her mother without being harmed.

#### 9 **V. FINE and RESTITUTION**

10 The defendant should be required to pay the \$20,000 fine recommended by the Probation  
11 Office. This figure represents the low-end of the range. Shortly after the defendant’s initial  
12 appearance, the government became aware of the fact that the defendant has a substantial  
13 amount of assets. Very few of these assets were disclosed on the defendant’s financial affidavit.  
14 Accordingly, the government filed a motion seeking reimbursement of attorney’s fees. Based  
15 upon this motion, the defendant filed a revised financial affidavit. The Honorable Magistrate  
16 Judge Ricardo Martinez reviewed the revised financial affidavit and ordered the defendant to  
17 reimburse the attorney fees The defendant has numerous accounts totaling over **\$193,473.82**.  
18 This does not include various other material possessions that the defendant owns such as cars, a  
19 boat and a large quantity of jewelry. The defendant does have the ability to pay a fine and  
20 should be required to do so.

21 The defendant should be required to reimburse the Crime Victim’s Compensation Fund  
22 for the cost of counseling for A.B An estimate of this amount will be provided to the Court and  
23 defense counsel at time of sentencing.

#### 24 **VI. RECOMMENDATION**

25 If the Court upwardly departs, the Government would recommend a sentence of 684  
26 months. This figure represents the number of months that the defendant has spent sexually  
27 abusing and preying upon little girls. However, if the Court finds there are insufficient grounds  
28 to upwardly depart and that the applicable guideline range is as calculated by the Probation

1 Office, 210-262 months, the Government urges the Court to sentence the defendant to the top of  
2 the range The Government also recommends that the Court impose a \$20,000 fine and require  
3 the defendant to pay restitution.

4 Dated: this 29th day of April, 2003.

5 Respectfully submitted,

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## **ATTACHMENT A**



⑦ 208-745-8504  
(ELDON PERKINS)

IT WILL COST \$300<sup>00</sup> PER YEAR  
FOR GAS FOR YOU SEIBURMAN TO  
HAUL "DAXOTA" TO PLACE TO  
RIDE HIM OR PLAY WITH HIM!

IT WILL COST \$ FOR THE  
VETERINARIAN TO KEEP HIM  
"HEALTHY"

IT WILL COST \$360<sup>00</sup> PER YEAR  
FOR YOUR "CELL" PHONE

WHAT DOES ALL OF THIS MEAN?

YOU WON'T HAVE TO CLEAN STALL

WORRY ABOUT FEEDING OR CARE

FOR "DAXOTA", ALL YOU

HAVE TO DO IS BRUSH HIM

RIDE & WALK HIM!!

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ALL TOTAL IT WILL COST  
\$17,260 PER YEAR TO OWN  
"DOKOTA"

AND YOU WANT \$100<sup>00</sup> HOW  
ARE YOU GOING TO EARN  
\$17,260<sup>00</sup> TO SPEND YOUR  
HORSE ??

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IF I WERE A GIRL &  
SOMEONE WOULD LOVE ME  
ENOUGH TO DO THIS FOR ME  
I WOULD DO WHATEVER  
THEY ASKED ME TO DO.  
I WOULD SUCK THEM & FUCK  
THEM EVERY DAY, AND

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FRENCH KISS THEM I  
LOVE ~~THEM~~ EVERY WAY  
I ~~COULD~~ —

BUT YOU CAN'T OR WON'T  
DO ANYTHING, BUT ONLY  
SATISFY YOURSELF WITH  
THE VIBRATOR.

IF I'M GOING TO SPEND  
OVER \$17,000<sup>00</sup> PER YEAR  
FOR YOUR PLEASURE &  
HAPPINESS!!

IF I SPENT \$7000<sup>00</sup>  
TO HAVE SEX, I COULD GET  
350 GIRLS TO FRENCH KISS

Q904  
DLA

AND I'D ~~APPROX~~ <sup>AND I DON'T NEED THEM</sup> YOU  
WOULDN'T HAVE ANY MORE ~~BY~~  
YOUR ~~HOUSES~~ <sup>EVERYTHING</sup>  
ELSE WILL BE MORE ~~THAN~~

AND, I'M NOT GOING TO  
TAKE CARE OF THE ~~HOUSE~~  
BY MYSELF,

IT TAKES A LOT OF TIME  
& RESPONSIBILITY TO WORK  
FOR ME & TAKE CARE OF  
THE THINGS WE'VE PLANNED  
I'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME  
& MONEY TO MAKE YOU

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I LIKE THE CARDS  
BECAUSE:

(A) THEY MAKE ME THINK OF FIGHTING

(B) " " " " NOT A FIGHTER

(C) " " " " THINK OF GAMING

ALL ABOVE OR A-E (C)

I WANT TO EARN SOME MONEY  
TWO THOUSAND

I'D LIKE

(A) \$200

(B) \$300

(C) \$500

(D) \$1000

ALL ABOVE OR A-B-C

I'D LIKE TO WATCH YOU PLAY WITH  
YOUR LOCK TILL:

(A) IT WAS BIG

(C) TILL IT COMES

ALL ABOVE OR (A)-B

(7)

(I) WHAT CAN YOU DO TO  
MAKE US HAVE SEXY TALK  
WE CAN ACTUALLY FUCK!!

ANSWER -

I don't know

Q DO YOU WANT ME TO FIND  
ANOTHER GIRL THAT CAN  
DO WHAT I'VE ASKED YOU  
TO DO!

YES NO

(\*) DO YOU WANT TO FIND ANOTHER  
GIRL TO BE WITH US TO  
DO THESE THINGS??  
YES NO

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ALBERT -

I'M SAD ABOUT YOU NOT STAYING  
LAST NITE - I DIDN'T KNOW YOU  
HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH ~~DR~~

BUT THAT WAS NOT TRUE

I WANT TO REMIND YOU OF  
ALL THE THINGS I'VE DONE FOR  
JUST YOU -

#1 A JOB PAYING GOOD MONEY

#2 ALL KINDS OF GIFTS

(A) YOUR BIKE

(B) " CLOTHES

(C) " BOOTS & SHOES

(D) " TONY SACKS

(E) " CLOTHING

(F) " JEWELRY & STUFF TO SELL

(G) " JEWELRY FOR YOUR FRIENDS

(H) " MONEY (LOTS & LOTS)

(I) " SPENDING ACET.

(4)

ALL OF THE ABOVE I HAVE  
DONE OUT OF MY LOVE & RESPECT  
FOR YOU.

NOW I WONDER IF I HAVE  
BEEN FOOLISH

YES - (NO)

I DON'T ASK MUCH OF YOU  
AMANDA -

I WANT YOU TO KISS ME, I  
HAVE TO BEG FOR A KISS  
DON'T YOU LIKE TO KISS  
ME? (YES) - NO

I SHAVED OFF MY BEARD  
JUST FOR YOU BECAUSE YOU  
DIDN'T LIKE TO KISS ME WITH  
MY BEARD, AND I STILL DON'T  
GET ANY REAL KISSES! (YES) - NO



(13)

ALL OF MY OTHER GIRL  
FRIENDS ARE MAD AT ME  
BECAUSE I HAVE KICKED THEM  
OUT OF MY LIFE FOR YOU!

I'M SORRY ~~IF~~ I HAVE BEEN  
WRONG, AND ~~NEED~~ YOU TO DO  
SO MUCH, FORGIVE ME.

LOVE, THE  
SPECIAL MAN IN  
YOUR LIFE  
JOE

DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT  
IT?

ANSWER YES ☒ NO ☐ ~~PLEASE~~  
ONE

(10)

DO YOU REALLY LOVE ME, AND  
CARED ME IN YOUR LIFE  
OR ARE YOU JUST SAYING  
THAT -

ANSWER YES - NO  
TO AND MOTHER SISTER  
CHOOSE ONE

YOU WILL NEVER HAVE  
ANYONE GREAT ~~LOVES~~  
CARE AS I DO - I AM  
MAKING PLANS FOR MY WILL  
FOR YOUR EDUCATION & YOUR  
LIFE SO YOU CAN BE ~~INDEPENDENT~~  
AND NOT HAVE TO WORK LIKE  
YOUR MOTHERS - THAT'S  
PRETTY SPECIAL OF ME TO  
DO THIS -  
IS IT IMPORTANT TO YOU?  
ANSWER YES - NO!

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My Darling Amanda:

I cancelled 3 appointments  
to be with you Friday -  
Are you getting BORED being  
with me

(A) YES - NO! <sup>circle</sup>  
ONE!

I don't want you to JUST  
come over with me to get  
GIFTS - or appointments  
Saturday (in a few days)

I try to work my time  
which is valuable to be  
with you, cause I love you  
and need you to be with  
me.

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047

(9)

THANK YOU ED FOR PUTTING ME  
IN YOUR WILL -

I WILL LOVE YOU FOREVER  
AND DO WHAT YOU WANT ME  
TO DO -

(A) HAVE LOVE TO YOU !!

(B) GET MY EDUCATION TO WORK  
ON MY HORSES

(C) TO CALL YOU WHENEVER I  
NEED TO DISCUSS SEX & LIFE

(D) TO HAVE ME CUM & RELAX

MY BEST & SINCERE

(E) ALL OF THE ABOVE —

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(6)

I'D LIKE TO GO ON A TRIP WITH  
YOU

(A) WE COULD HAVE MORE PRIVACY

(B) WE COULD SLEEP NAKED  
TOGETHER

(C) WE COULD MAKE EACH OTHER  
CUM, A LOT

(D) YOU COULD TEACH ME TO  
FUCK FEEL SLOW!

(E) ALL OF THE ABOVE

I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW I  
FEEL ABOUT US:

25 WORDS OR MORE

ANSWER:

I think That we are  
good together and I like  
to come over here and help  
you or just come over here  
Aha hahahaha.

## **ATTACHMENT B**

KENT POLICE DEPARTMENT

MASTER CASE NO 02-06800

STATEMENT OF SUSPECT

STATEMENT OF EDWARD KOPLIN DATE JUNE 6, 2002  
HOUR 1545 HOURS  
DATE OF BIRTH 07-02-34  
ADDRESS 4589 MONTE GRANDE DR SALT LAKE CITY UT 84123 HOME PHONE 801-262-2838  
BUSINESS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS PH \_\_\_\_\_  
OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_  
LOCATION OF INTERVIEW KENT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY  
STATEMENT TAKEN BY DETECTIVE R. L. WALKER  
ALSO PRESENT DETECTIVE S HEMMEN

RLW: What's the case number?

SMH. I don't know.

RLW: Okay. This is going to be a statement of last of Koplin, K-O-P-L-I-N, Edward, E-D-W-A-R-D Date of birth is 07-02-34. Address 4589 Monte?

EK: Monte Grande.

RLW M-O-N-T-E G-R-A-N-D-E, Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84123 Home phone 801-262-2838. The date is June 6, 2002. The time is 1545 hours And we're at the Kent Correctional Facility Present is Detective Hemmen. Um, Ed, I'm gonna advise you of your rights again, just so we understand it's on tape. You have the right to remain silent. You understand that?

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- EK: Well, these are reservations that are made. I have relatives with the Marriotts. Um, that are, in fact are Marriotts. But, um, my favorite, um, nephew, Kelly Koplin, he books me all over the nation in Marriott Hotels when I was traveling 300 days a year. Since that time, whenever I've had to go somewhere, I call him up and he gets me a VIP pass. And that's what I'm here on is a VIP pass.
- RLW: And you were supposed to stay at the Marriott how many days here?
- EK: Um, I think 3. And I think today's the 4<sup>th</sup>.
- RLW: And then you were going to go see your sister?
- EK: Tonight in Bellevue and then go back to Salt Lake on Friday mornin'. Try to stay in Boise one more night on the way down. It's a long drive. It's about 900 I guess miles, maybe more.
- SMH: And your relationship with Amanda, the two of you became very close and it progressed where she began to talk and ask you about things of a sexual nature?
- EK: Things of a more grown-up nature, yes.
- SMH: Like what sorts of things?
- EK: Ah, masturbation. She's heard that in school and girlfriends...and I said, "Do you know anything about it?" And she said, "No." And I said, "What are they tellin' you?" "Nothin' " And I said, "What are they tellin' you then?" Ah, because that's part of our education (inaudible) If they don't tell you somethin', then how in the hell are you gonna learn anything? So I took it upon myself to give her an insight.



SMH: Okay.

EK: If that's wrong, pardon me, forgive me Lord, and pardon me.

SMH: Do you remember about what month maybe she first became inquisitive about masturbation? When this sexual talk began?

EK: I don't remember that kind of a thing...

SMH: Was it, ah...

EK: That kind of thing but I'd say in the last...

SMH: Would it have been before Christmas? Before September 11<sup>th</sup>?

EK: Oh, well yes, of course that's not very long ago. I would say that, ah, within 90 days after we met...probably 9 months ago.

SMH: Okay.

EK: Approximately.

SMH: Okay.

RLW: So how did it evolve that you ended up helping her learn?

SMH: Giving her insights.

EK: I explained to her what masturbation was. And, ah, I said, "People use vibrators to, to..." you know, I've had girlfriends down there that she knows and have met. And, ah, not been around in our circumstance, but, ah, and, ah, she said, "Well get me a, let me use a vibrator." So she liked the big vibrator and she'd been with that every since.

RLW: Now, did you show her how to use the vibrator?

EK: Not really. I mean...I turned it on so she knew how to turn it on, you know? But she, she knew to put it between her legs. I mean that's all

there was to it. I have a hunch that she may have been not sexually active but curious enough to have maybe tried, you know, masturbating herself.

RLW: Now you said you used to lubricate it for her? The vibrator?

EK: Yes.

RLW: What would you use?

EK: Well, ah, I use a K-Y Jelly for my arm. You can see what's happenin' here. It's, um, a thing that is, um, I don't know what...it holds water anyway. And I loose water very rapidly. I'm on furosemide and chlorocon (sp?) and ceroxaline (sp?). I mean I've dropped 90 pounds in the last year of weight. And just doing those. But, um, that's what I would use.

RLW: Now you said that you, you had watched her masturbate. Would she insert the vibrator in any part of her body?

EK: No. No, there's no insertion of the vibrator. It stays on the outside.

SMH: But she's got clothes off sometimes and sometimes clothes on?

EK: Sometimes after a shower, she had clothes that are off.

SMH: Does she, does she have a problem with you watching her?

EK: No, not at all.

RLW: When did she first start asking about oral sex?

EK: Well, I don't know. I mean that was part of, ah, the education I was tryin' to give her was all of the cartoon things that are there. They're very well done, they're all from Germany and or Sweden or wherever

there. And it obviously shows all of that, but, ah, she didn't really ask about oral sex. Well it didn't come about that way. Um, she wondered, but I'm sure she ..she's not stupid...come on, guys. She got a lot of girlfriends that, ah, you know, were probably around or a little older than she is. But, um....

SMH: So she wondered what it might feel like or she asked you, "Can you show me?" or I'm trying to understand what you're explaining.

EK: Um, probably said, "Show me."

SMH: Okay.

EK: Probably said, you know, try...

SMH: And when did that start?

EK: Well I don't know, but I would say that probably in the last 90 days.

SMH: Okay.

EK: Hundred days, 120 days at the very most.

SMH: So is it a fair statement to say that you have performed oral sex on her over 5 times in the last 90 days?

EK: Ah, that's probably fair to say but it's not oral sex. It is a matter of oral...there's no insertion, there's no nothin'. It is just simply a...

SMH: Your tongue on her clitoris?

EK: Yes.

SMH: Just for stimulation?

EK: Exactly. I was helpin' her have a better...she's very hyper. I don't know if notice that or not. But she's terribly hyper. The only way she would

settle down sometimes was to be on that vibrator. And she would go to the point where she was about bonkers.

RLW: So she would climax?

EK: Um, she would never tell me she did but when she was gettin' with the program, her feet would go straight like most women would if you're, you know, havin' climax. But, yeah, she would climax. As far as I would know...I've never said, "What does it feel like?" Never asked her that.

RLW: Do you think she was sexually advanced for her age then?

EK: Ah, do I think so? Ah, sexually smart maybe is a better word. I don't know if she's sexually advanced. She, ah...

SMH: But she's curious about sexual....

EK: She was curious, yeah.

SMH: Okay.

RLW: Now did you have oral sex with her when you were in Boise?

EK: No.

RLW: But you did here?

EK: Ah, maybe for 2 minutes.

RLW: While you were stayin' at the Marriott?

EK: Ah, maybe for 2 minutes.

SMH: So that happened inside the hotel room?

EK: Oh, yeah...

SMH: On the bed? Out at the pool?

EK: No, in the hotel room.

SMH: Okay, on the bed?

EK: Um, no, probably on the couch. She was sittin' there watchin' TV and she was tryin' to do her thing I think that's where, well I know that's where it happened. And it happened just (snaps fingers) that long. Just for an instant because I put the jelly on to help her, ah, do her thing and she got with the program and I wasn't included I guess is the word.

SMH: Okay, I guess I'm confused because didn't you just say that you had orally stimulate, stimulated her with your tongue on the couch?

EK: I think it was on the couch.

SMH: Okay.

EK: It may have been on the bed, but I think it was on the couch.

SMH: Okay.

EK: Because that's where she was and that's where her sleeping bag was and everything else.

SMH: Okay. So you were included in the program, but it was mainly about her. It was not her performing any oral stimulation your penis?

EK: No, no, no, no.

SMH: Okay.

EK: No, no, no, no...

RLW: When did this first start? Did this happen in Utah?

EK: Well, obviously it happened in Utah, I mean we haven't been anywhere else other than Idaho for one trip. Ah, when did it start? Um, probably 3-4 months ago.

RLW: Okay. Did it ever happen in Idaho that you remember?

EK: No.

RLW: Just in Utah and here?

EK: Yeah.

RLW: Now in your, in your showing her and helping her understand sex and masturbation, there was times where you inserted your finger in her anus, is that correct?

EK: Very small, very, yes, very limited amount. And I know that with other girls that is a stimulant, all right? I was tryin' to help her have what was simply called a good climax rapidly. And she would, and boom, it'd be over and done and that would be it.

RLW: Now you said that there was a problem with your fingernail or?

EK: Well, there was a, what do you call? A hangnail on it. So I used a rubber glove. I get rubber gloves from my doctor to put jellies on my arm. And I haven't been able to do that today, but you can see what's happenin' to 'em. Ah, they grabbed me pretty bad this mornin' and I don't know what the hell happened. They knocked on my door and three of 'em had me on the ground. I, thought I had a gun over there with me. Well I had a, I have my own carry permit. And I have a gun, yeah, but it's in my van. Never been loaded. And, yeah, they treat me like I was some kind of guy that knew Osama Bin Laden or something.

SMH: Okay. Mr. Koplin, I need to stop you right here...

EK: Oh.

SMH: And turn the tape over real quick. The time is now 16....(TAPE SIDE A ENDS. BEGIN SIDE B.) Okay. The time is still 1617 hours and the tape is being restarted. Now, we were talking about, um, you inserting your finger into her anus. And you had said earlier that it happened on your trip to Boise or on this trip, on your way here, in Boise at the Best Western. You were talkin' about wearin' a glove?

EK: Um...I don't think it happened in Boise. I don't, I don't recall...it could have done but I don't think so. We were, again, swimmin' late, um, there was very little time. We'd go in and we'd crash and that'd be it.

SMH: Okay.

EK: But if it did, my memory's bad.

SMH: Well you had said, you had told...

EK: But up here, it did one time, I know that.

SMH: Here in Kent?

EK: Very briefly, yeah.

SMH: Okay. And...

RLW: Did you use the glove here in Kent?

EK: I did.

RLW: And did you lubricate the glove?

EK: I did.

SMH: And which finger did you use?

EK: Whatever that one is.

SMH: The middle finger of your right hand?

EK: Um hum.

SMH: Okay, and what was her reaction to it?

EK: Ah, she was tired. We just didn't do anything. She just stopped, and stopped vibrate...when we was watchin' the Cosby Show and which we watched every night and that was the end of it.

SMH: So, but when you did that to her, did she like it or?

EK: Well, um, I'm sure that it helped.

SMH: Okay.

EK: But, ah, no, she didn't necessarily say she liked it.

SMH: Okay.

EK: She's told me that it has, it helps her have a larger climax.

SMH: Okay.

EK: So, maybe that's what's good for the goose, that's what's good for the goose.

SMH: So when you were here, what were the sleeping arrangements at the hotel?

EK: Well, the first couple of nights, ah, I brought sleeping bags and everything for us. Um, I've had them for a long time. But, um, she wanted to sleep on the, on the couch, which is fine. And so I slept in the bed and put her in the sleeping bag, she loved it. And the first night she fell down and rolled off in the middle of the night. And I tried to get her up and she was sound asleep. Second night, same thing. Third night I said, "Amanda, we're not gonna do that tonight." So she brought her



sleeping bag over and she put it on the bed and slept in the bed with the sleeping bag on and then last night she slept in the bed with a blanket or whatever you call it.. sheet between her and, ah, what do you call the thing, the comforter. And I was under all of it so that we couldn't touch each other.

SMH: Okay.

EK: And she was sound asleep and she wanted me to wake her up at I think 11 or 11:30, whenever (inaudible) down. She wanted me to wake her up again and watch some TV, watch the lotto thing and whatever nights (inaudible) no way in the world and so I never did. So she slept all night and I slept halfway decent all night. I had a couple of smokes and...

RLW: Did you ever discuss having sexual intercourse with her?

EK: Nope. Not really havin' sexual intercourse, no. Not really.

RLW: Do you think that if your relationship continues, eventually it may, that may occur?

EK: Um, I'm impotent, I told you that. It would probably be a miracle. But, ah, I, it is my full intent to marry this girl when she's 18. I am going to leave, my children don't understand why I'm (inaudible) a whole bunch of stuff to them. I'm not going to. This girl has been, is my project. The good Lord put her in front of me and I am going to take care of her and do the very best that I can by her. As far as school or anything else that happens, ah...

SMH: You mentioned that you started a college fund for her?

## **ATTACHMENT C**



1 paragraph in a second--is should you prevail, should you win  
2 your appeal, then you are allowed to withdraw your guilty plea  
3 in this indictment, as well as the indictment in the other case  
4 number

5 THE DEFENDANT Right I understand that.

6 THE COURT: Okay. Let's move on to the statement of  
7 facts, paragraph 9 It says here that you and the government  
8 agree that these facts set out here are true and correct, they  
9 support your plea of guilty for purposes of restitution,  
10 forfeiture and to help calculate the base offense level under  
11 the guidelines. But most importantly, it is what you did that  
12 makes you guilty of these charged offenses. Let me go over what  
13 it says. I'll ask if you agree

14 It says that on June 11th, 2002, the Salt Lake County  
15 Sheriff's Department obtained a search warrant to search the  
16 residence of Edward Darrell Koplin located at 4589 Monte Grande  
17 Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah. During the search Utah authorities  
18 found several photographs of a minor female Jane Doe engaging in  
19 sexually explicit conduct. Specifically, the photographs  
20 depicted Jane Doe engaged in the lascivious exhibition of her  
21 genital or pubic area while masturbating with a vibrator  
22 Koplin took these images sometime between September 2001 and  
23 June 2002 using a camera. The photographs were found in  
24 Koplin's nightstand.

25 Koplin knew that each depiction involved a minor engaging in

1 sexually explicit conduct, and he acknowledges that each visual  
2 depiction had been produced using a camera that had been  
3 transported in interstate or foreign commerce.

4 Koplin agrees that he used Jane Doe to take part in sexually  
5 explicit conduct for the purpose of producing these photographs

6 That's the entire statement of facts, Mr. Koplin. Do you  
7 agree those facts are true and correct?

8 (Discussion off the record.)

9 MR FILIPOVIC. Your Honor, there's one issue I wish to  
10 address. That has to do with Subparagraph (c). And it's  
11 focusing on the words "used Jane Doe to take part in sexually  
12 explicit conduct."

13 Mr. Koplin's statement of facts is essentially that Jane Doe  
14 was using the vibrator to masturbate She was lasciviously  
15 exhibiting her genital area doing that. He had his camera, and  
16 he basically took advantage of that situation and took the  
17 photograph

18 As I've explained to Mr. Koplin, that in my opinion fits  
19 within the definition of the statute that he used her to produce  
20 the photographs. And I think that's a sufficient factual basis  
21 for the plea. I don't think it requires anything more than  
22 that.

23 THE DEFENDANT I didn't use her. It was a normal  
24 thing--I understand.

25 THE COURT. Is the government satisfied with that?

1 MR. MIYAKE: If we could have just a minute, Your  
2 Honor.

3 MR MIYAKE: Your Honor, we believe that the elements  
4 require a little bit more than the defendant, as he's stating,  
5 stumbling upon a situation. I mean, it specifically requires  
6 that he employed, used, persuaded, induced, enticed or coerced

7 So it has to be something more affirmative on his part, and  
8 so we would ask that he state that.

9 MR FILIPOVIC Well, Your Honor, this isn't a matter  
10 where he stumbled upon her. Obviously, she was in his living  
11 room at the time and he knew it was going on. It's not like he  
12 was just snapping pictures and she happened to be in the picture  
13 frame. I mean, he saw what she was doing and used her to  
14 produce what by legal definition is child pornography.

15 THE DEFENDANT: Two pictures.

16 MR. FILIPOVIC: It's our feeling that that's more than  
17 sufficient to establish the elements of the crime. He doesn't  
18 have to direct her to do it or order her to engage in the  
19 behavior before he takes the photograph.

20 THE COURT: I think he's right, Counsel. In this  
21 particular case, given her age, given the setting, given the  
22 fact that it was his residence, given the fact that he had the  
23 camera and everything was going on, I think it fits within the  
24 legal definition of the word "used" in the statute.

25 MR. MIYAKE Well, in light of the fact, Your Honor,

1 that he provided her the vibrator, I think the defendant would  
2 acknowledge he provided--

3 THE DEFENDANT Did not provide it

4 MR. FILIPOVIC Well, maybe I need to clarify this  
5 And I am sure Mr. Koplin would agree The device used belonged  
6 to Mr. Koplin It was part of materials he had in his home

7 THE DEFENDANT. My reflexology

8 THE COURT: All right. That is satisfactory.

9 Mr Koplin, with that understanding, do you agree with these  
10 facts?

11 THE DEFENDANT Well, I agree with the fact that I did  
12 not provide her or entice her or any of that sort of thing She  
13 had found this one particular thing I do reflexology, and she  
14 had found this one particular vibrator in my home. She  
15 apparently liked it, she was learning how to do whatever, and I  
16 was very permissive and--

17 MR FILIPOVIC The question is do you agree she was  
18 using it--

19 THE DEFENDANT. Yes. I had two pictures left in the  
20 Polaroid, and I took the two pictures.

21 THE COURT. All right Paragraph 11, Mr. Koplin, talks  
22 about other charges Says the U S. Attorney's Office for the  
23 District of Utah is agreeing, in return for your plea here, not  
24 to prosecute you for any other offenses other than any potential  
25 crime of violence that you may have committed in that district

## **ATTACHMENT D**



My Darling Gabrielle = 3-1-03

Put your DAD over your knee  
and SPANK him - He doesn't  
write me enough.

Guess what, Kevin & Minky  
had a baby "GIRL" YEAH  
4 Boys & 1 girl finally!

I miss you & your sweet kisses  
on Grand PA's CHEEK & Lips -

I hope Al is well with you and  
Sharl, I hope Jack is OK too.

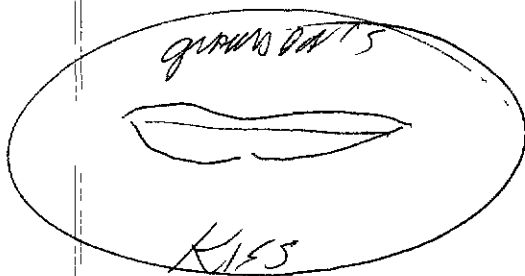
I love you & I miss you very  
much - I just got a nice  
Letter from Tony!

See your mom & miss her  
also - He's a good mom, Listen  
to her and you'll BE OK!

(2)

Well, Spring is coming what are  
your plans? Keep trying to learn  
the Sonnet, you can be good  
at that!

Grandpa sent you an Envelope &  
Stamp - Write me a letter -  
Please! Put me a kiss on  
the letter, so I can kiss the  
spot! OK OK OK!



Speak soon -  
Love you  
Write me soon  
Grandpa  
&